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Security Council

3 p.m.	4848th meeting	Security Council Chamber
	1. Adoption of the agenda	
	2. The situation in Afghanistan	
Afternoon[1]	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room
	Afghanistan	
	Other matters	

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 4848th meeting.

Military Staff Committee

11 a.m.–1 p.m.	1520th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Women and peace and security". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; or tel. 1 (212) 963-5254, as from *today,* 24 October 2003. from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 15th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects, introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 62 to 80:

Documents of the First Committee: *item 62* (A/58/202, A/C.1/58/L.32); *item 63* (A/58/128, A/C.1/58/L.48); *item 64* (A/58/29, A/C.1/58/L.24); *item 65* (A/C.1/58/L.11, A/C.1/58/L.58); *item 66* (A/C.1/58/L.6); *item 67* (A/C.1/58/L.30); *item* 68 (A/C.1/58/L.3); *item 69* (A/58/373, A/C.1/58/L.33); *item 70* (A/58/137, A/58/137 (Part I), A/58/137 (Part I)/Add.1, A/58/137 (Part II), A/C.1/58/L.22); *item 71* (A/C.1/58/L.8); *item 72* (A/C.1/58/L.44); *item 73* (A/58/117 and A/58/117/Add.1, A/58/117/Add.2, A/58/129, A/58/129/Add.1, A/58/130, A/58/138, A/58/162, A/58/162/Add.1, A/58/176 and A/58/176/Add.1, A/58/207, A/58/208, A/58/208/Add.1, A/58/406, A/58/848, A/C.1/58/4, A/C.1/58/L.1, A/C.1/58/L.2, A/C.1/58/L.4, A/C.1/58/L.9, A/C.1/58/L.10, A/C.1/58/L.12, A/C.1/58/L.14, A/C.1/58/L.15, A/C.1/58/L.16, A/C.1/58/L.17, A/C.1/58/L.18, A/C.1/58/L.19, A/C.1/58/L.25, A/C.1/58/L.25/Rev.1, A/C.1/58/L.26, A/C.1/58/L.27, A/C.1/58/L.29, A/C.1/58/L.31, A/C.1/58/L.34, A/C.1/58/L.35, A/C.1/58/L.38, A/C.1/58/L.39, A/C.1/58/L.40, A/C.1/58/L.41, A/C.1/58/L.43, A/C.1/58/L.45, A/C.1/58/L.46, A/C.1/58/L.47, A/C.1/58/L.49, A/C.1/58/L.51, A/C.1/58/L.53); *item 74* (A/58/122, A/58/139, A/58/177, A/58/190, A/58/203, A/58/274, A/C.1/58/L.7, A/C.1/58/L.13, A/C.1/58/L.21, A/C.1/58/L.28, A/C.1/58/L.36, A/C.1/58/L.54, A/C.1/58/L.55, A/C.1/58/L.57); *item 75* (A/58/27, A/58/42, A/58/259; A/58/316, A/C.1/58/L.5, A/C.1/58/L.20); *item 76* (A/58/259, A/58/137, A/58/137 (Part I), A/58/137 (Part I)/Add.1, A/58/137 (Part II), A/C.1/58/L.23); *item 77* (A/58/163, A/C.1/58/L.50); *item 78* (A/58/132, A/58/132/Add.1, A/58/132/Add.2, A/C.1/58/L.42); *item 79* (A/58/385, A/C.1/58/L.52); and *item 80* (A/C.1/58/L.37) (other documents: A/C.1/58/1, A/ C.1/58/2, A/ C.1/58/3 and A/C.1/58/INF.1)

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–6 p.m . . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on issues related to revitalization

Second Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 21st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Macroeconomic policy questions (A/58/131-S/2003/703 and A/58/413) . . . . . [91]

(b) Science and Technology for development (A/58/3 (Suppl.), A/58/74-E/2003/58, A/58/76, A/58/201 and A/58/204)

(c) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries (A/58/209, A/C.2/58/3 and A/CONF.202/3[1])

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[1] To be issued.

(d) International financial system and development (A/58/369 and A/58/204)

(e) External debt crisis and development (A/58/290, A/58/204 and A/58/437[1])

(f) Outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation (A/58/388 and A/C.2/58/3)

Conclusion of general discussion

Morning[2]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal consultations, under the Chairmanship of Ms. Ulrika Cronenberg-Mossberg (Sweden), on agenda items 92 (Sectoral policy questions: preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin (A/C.2/58/L.2)) and 98 (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) (A/C.2/58/L.3 and A/C.2/58/L.4))

[1] To be issued.

[2] Following the adjournment of the 21st meeting of the Second Committee.

Third Committee

3–6 p.m. . . . . 24th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women . . . . . [110]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.18, A/C.3/58/L.20 and A/C.3/58/L.21

2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination . . . . . [115]

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (A/58/3, A/58/18, A/58/80-E/2003/71 and A/58/313)

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (A/58/324 and A/58/331)

3. Rights of peoples to self-determination (A/58/115 and A/58/180) . . . . . [116]

Introductory statements and dialogue with the Special rapporteur on measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and general discussion

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 9th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [118]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.7

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations . . . . . [119]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.5/58/L.4, A/C.5/58/L.5 and A/C.5/58/L.6

3. *Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003* . . . . . [120]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.8 and draft decision A/C.5/58/L.3

4. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations . . . . . [134]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.5/58/L.9 and A/C.5/58/L.10

5. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services . . . . . [130]

Annual report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/58/364)

Audit of the Headquarters Committee on Contracts (A/58/294)

Review of the structure and operations of the United Nations information centers (A/57/747)

Conclusion of general discussion

6. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations . . . . . [119]

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on:

Review of duplication, complexity and bureaucracy in United Nations administrative processes and procedures (A/58/211)

Audit of the Investment Management Service of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (A/58/81)

Conclusion of general discussion

7. Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 . . . . . [120]

Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa (A/58/154, A/58/7 and A/58/7/Corr.1)

Strengthening the United Nations web site (A/58/217 and A/58/7/Add.1)

Conclusion of general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 133 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations (A/58/157))

3–6 p.m . . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 120 (Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: conditions of service and compensation for officials, other than Secretariat officials, serving the General Assembly: full-time members of the International Civil Service Commission and the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/C.5/57/35); and conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials: members of the International Court of Justice, judges of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and judges of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (A/C.5/57/36)); and 119 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the Investment Management Service of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (A/58/81))

[1] Following the adjournment of the 9th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development [agenda item 104 (b)]
(29–30 October 2003)

Inscriptions for Member States wishing to participate in the ministerial-level round tables

All delegations wishing to participate, including those already inscribed, in any of eight ministerial-level round tables, to be held on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, are kindly requested to come in person to the List of Speakers area of the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940) to inscribe the name of the participating Minister or the Head of delegation on the list of participants in round tables on the following themes:

Round tables 1 and 2 (morning): *"Regional dimensions of the implementation of the results of the International Conference on Financing for Development"*

Round tables 3 and 4 (morning): *"Coherence and consistency of the international monetary, financial and trading systems in support of development"*

Round tables 5 and 6 (afternoon): *"The link between the progress in the implementation of the agreements and commitments reached at the International Conference on Financing for Development and the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration"*

Round tables 7 and 8 (afternoon): *"The link between the progress in the implementation of the agreements and commitments reached at the International Conference on Financing for Development and the promotion of sustainable development, sustained economic growth and the eradication of poverty with a view to achieving an equitable global economic system".*

Delegations are reminded that the list of participants in the round tables will be established on a first-come, first-served basis, and that each round table may have a maximum of 7 participants from African States, 7 participants from Asian States, 3 participants from Eastern European States, 5 participants from Latin American and Caribbean States and 4 participants from Western European and other States. Member States that are not members of any regional group may participate in the round tables.

Inscriptions by institutional and non-institutional stakeholders

Each round table will also include the following accredited participants: 5 representatives of observers in the General Assembly, entities of the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations other than observers; 3 representatives of civil society; and 3 representatives of the private sector. Their distribution in the round tables will follow the practice used in the International Conference on Financing for Development. For information and inscriptions, please contact the Financing for Development Office (e-mail ffdoffice@un.org; Web site www.un.org/esa/ffd).

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs and the Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council
2. Executive session on the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF)
3. Draft reports

Working Group on the Future Operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW)

3–4 p.m. . . . . 4th meeting (closed) . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Other meetings

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Friday, 24 October 2003

Asian Group of the Whole

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

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Group of 77 *(on agenda items 93 (a) and (c) and 97 (b))*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Group of 77 *(on environment and sustainable development issues)*

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Group of 77 *(on macroeconomic issues; and financing for development)*

4–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

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Informal consultations on draft resolutions on the preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family and on the importance of the guidance and the role of parents in the care, control and development of children (under agenda item 106) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution on human rights and terrorism (agenda item 117 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Algeria)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Violence against women" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Netherlands)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Open-ended informal consultations on draft resolution on the implementation of the world programme of action concerning disabled persons: towards a society for all in the twenty-first century (agenda item 106) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Philippines)

10 a.m.–12 noon. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

African Group *(Third Committee experts)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

African Group of the Whole

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Open-ended informal consultations on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (Third Committee) (agenda item 111) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Colombia)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel" (Sixth Committee) (agenda item 157) (organized by the Permanent Mission of New Zealand)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Meeting of interested co-sponsors of a draft resolution on sustainable mountain development (agenda item 94 (g)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

2–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "General and complete disarmament: Conference of States parties and signatories of treaties that have established nuclear-weapon-free zones" (A/C.1/58/L.19) (agenda item 73) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mexico)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (agenda item 117 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Denmark)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

OIC Group *(Sixth Committee experts)*

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Briefing on updated organizational arrangements for the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development and related events

A briefing by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on updated organizational arrangements for the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development (29-30 October 2003) and related events, will be held *today*, 24 October 2003, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. Background information is available on the Financing for Development Web site www.un.org/esa/ffd. For further information, please contact Mr. Alexandre Trepelkov (room DC2-1758; tel. 1 (212) 963-7633).

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *today*, 24 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in room DC2-0461.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Friday, 24 October 2003

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 27 October 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . 43rd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: draft resolution (A/58/L.5) [60]
2. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [55]; United Nations reform: measures and proposals [57]; Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields [58]; Strengthening of the United Nations system: reports of the Secretary-General (A/57/786, A/58/175, A/58/351, A/58/382, A/58/395 and A/58/395/Corr.1) [59]: *joint debate*
3. High-level dialogue for the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development: draft decision (A/58/L.6) . . . . . [104 (b)]

3 p.m. . . . . 44th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [55]; United Nations reform: measures and proposals [57]; Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields [58]; Strengthening of the United Nations system: reports of the Secretary-General (A/57/786, A/58/175, A/58/351, A/58/382, A/58/395 and A/58/395/Corr.1) [59]: *joint debate*

Open-ended panel of the General Assembly on commodities

3–5 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 3

Chair: H.E. Mr. Julian R. Hunte
President of the General Assembly

Panellists: Independent eminent persons:

Mr. Jorio Dauster
Mr. Roman Grynberg
Mr. Irfanul Haque
Mr. Martin Khor
Mr. Mandé Sidibé

[Accredited non-governmental organizations and media are invited to attend.]

Second Committee *Panel discussion on "Partnerships"*

There will be a panel discussion on "Partnerships", organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Monday, 27 October 2003, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Chairman of the Second Committee. The panellists will include Mr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, Vice-Chairman of the United Nations Information and communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force and Chairman and CEO of TAGO; Mr. Robert Coultas, Representative of Rotary International to the United Nations; Mr. Georg Kell, Executive Head, Global Compact Office; and Mr. Amir Dossal, Executive Director, United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (UNFIP).

Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information please contact the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-4201; or e-mail ecosocinfo@un.org).

Second Committee
Third Committee

Briefing

A keynote address to the Second and Third Committees delegates will be made by Mr. Juan Somavía, Director-General of the International Labour Organization, on the social dimensions of globalization, on Monday, 27 October 2003, from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The meeting will be co-chaired by H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Chairman of the Second Committee, and a representative of the Chairman of the Third Committee.

Members of permanent missions, United Nations staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Third Committee

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, as follows:

Under agenda item 116:

Monday, 27 October 2003: Mr. Enrique Bernales Ballesteros (Special Rapporteur on the question of the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination);

Under agenda item 117:

Monday, 10 November, at 3 p.m.: Ms. Hina Jilani (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders); Mr. Peter Leuprecht (Special Representative of the Secretary-General for human rights in Cambodia; and Ms. Gabriela Rodríguez Pizarro (Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants);

Tuesday, 11 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief); Mr. Theo van Boven (Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment); and Mr. Francis Deng (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons); *at 3 p.m.*: Mr. Jean Ziegler (Special Rapporteur on the right to food); Mr. Paul Hunt (Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health); and Ms. Yakin Ertürk (Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences); and

Wednesday, 12 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar); Ms. Marie-Thérèse Aïssata Kéita-Bocoum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi); and Ms. Iulia Motoc (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); *at 3 p.m.*: Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis (Special Rapporteur on the situation of

human rights in Iraq); and Mr. John Dugard (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for dialogue, questions and comments. All interested members of the Committee are invited to participate.

United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

The 2003 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Tuesday, 4 November 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the pledging conference, in writing, to Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 1 (212) 963-2319; fax 1 (212) 963-5935). The list of speakers will be open as of Friday, 24 October 2003. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact Ms. Lorna Fidler.

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session 2003

There will be a meeting of the resumed substantive session 2003, on Friday, 31 October 2003, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council, on the following outstanding matters before the resumed substantive session 2003:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (E/2003/104 and E/2003/105[1]) [1]

   Elections[2]:

   Commission on Science and Technology for Development

   Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

   United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (E/2003/L.3/Add.13)

   Committee for the United Nations Population Award

   Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

   Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

   International Narcotics Control Board (E/2003/L.3/Add.12)

2. Regional cooperation (E/2003/15/Add.2)[1] . . . . . [10]

3. Economic and environmental questions. . . . . [13]

   (h) International cooperation in tax matters

   (i) United Nations Forum on Forests (E/2003/42)

[1] To be issued.

[2] For additional information on elections, please contact Ms. Nancy Beteta (tel. 1 (212) 963-5722).

Other forthcoming meetings

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Annual Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations

The Annual Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations, organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, in cooperation with the United Nations, will take place on Monday, 27 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Secretary-General of the United Nations will open the meeting with the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. All members of the United Nations community are invited to attend as observers. For further information, including the complete programme and list of speakers, please contact Mr. Alessandro Motter, Permanent Observer Office of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880; e-mail am@mail.ipu.org).

Informal consultations on the return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin (agenda item 43) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Greece)

Informal consultations on the return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin (agenda item 43), organized by the Permanent Mission of Greece, will be held on Monday, 27 October 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal hearings of civil society and the business sector on financing for development

In preparation for the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development (29-30 October 2003), there will be informal hearings of civil society and the business sector, chaired by H.E. Mr. Julian R. Hunte (Saint Lucia), President of the fifty-eight session of the General Assembly. The hearings of civil society will take place on Tuesday, 28 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The hearings of the business sector will be held on Tuesday, 28 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. Background information and provisional programmes of both hearings are available on the Financing for Development Web site www.un.org/esa/ffd. For further information, please contact Mr. Daniel Platz (tel. 1 (212) 963-3664); or Mr. Krishnan Sharma (tel. 1 (212) 963-4451).

Informal consultations on a draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

Informal consultations on a draft resolution on violence against women (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands, will be held on Monday and Tuesday, 27 and 28 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Policy dialogue on "Global Governance Reform"

A policy dialogue on "Global Governance Reform", sponsored by the NGO International Facilitating Group on Financing for Development, in collaboration with the Financing for Development Office of the Department of Economic and Social

Affairs, will take place on Monday, 27 October 2003, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)* on Tuesday, 28 October 2003, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Fourth Meeting of the Open Forum for Partnership

The Fourth Meeting of the Open Forum for Partnership, organized by the United Nations Office of the High Representative of the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing Countries, will be held on Tuesday, 28 October 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6. Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), will make a presentation on the theme "UNCTAD XI: The Way Forward After Cancún for the Least Developed Countries". Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information please contact Mr. Eder García (tel. 1 (212) 963-5051; or e-mail ohrlls-unhq@un.org).

Briefing by the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

The Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), Ms. Mervat Tallawy, will hold a briefing to the Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level), on the implementation of financing for development and of sustainable development in the region, on Tuesday, 28 October 2003, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

Briefing by the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

The Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Mr. Kim Hak-Su, will hold a briefing on the implementation of financing for development and of sustainable development in the region, on Tuesday, 28 October 2003, from 11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Briefing on "The International Financial Structure" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

There will be a briefing on "The International Financial Structure", organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden, on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. A new study on the international financial structure will be presented by its authors. The meeting will be chaired by Ms. Ruth Jacoby, Director-General for Development Cooperation, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Sweden. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Southern African Development Committee (SADC) *(Third Committee experts) (agenda item 112)*

There will be a meeting of the Southern African Development Committee (SADC) *(Third Committee experts) (agenda item 112)* on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Panel discussion on "Policy Coherence, Mutual Accountability and Partnership: Fulfilling the Promises of Monterrey"

A panel discussion on "Policy Coherence, Mutual Accountability and Partnership: Fulfilling the Promises of Monterrey", organized by the United Nations Development Programme and the Centre for Global Development, in collaboration with the Financing for Development Office of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Hafiz Pasha, Assistant Administrator and Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, UNDP. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Dasa Silovic (tel. 1 (212) 906-5329).

Presentation of the *Human Development Report 2003* on "Millennium Development Goals: a compact among nations to end human poverty"

There will be a presentation of the *Human Development Report 2003* on "Millennium Development Goals: a compact among nations to end human poverty", organized by the Human Development Report Office, United Nations Development Programme, in collaboration with the Financing for Development Office of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Thursday, 30 October 2003, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The report will be presented by Ms. Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, Director, Human Development Report Office, UNDP, and Ms. Eveline Herfkens, Executive Coordinator for the Millennium Development Goals Campaign. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Nena Terrell (tel. 1 (212) 906-3629).

Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO)

There will be meetings of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) on Thursday, 30 October 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8; and on Monday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Briefing on the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) (organized by the United Nations Information and Communication Technologies Task Force)

There will be a briefing by Mr. Mark Furrer, State Secretary, Director of the Federal Office of Communications, Switzerland; Mr. Daniel Stauffacher, Delegate of the Swiss Federal Council for the World Summit; and Mr. Nitin Desai, Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on the World Summit on the Information Society, on the first phase of the World Summit, to be held in Geneva from 10 to 12 December 2003. The briefing, organized by the United Nations Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force, will be held on Monday, 3 November 2003, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and

Social Council Chamber. Background material on the World Summit can be obtained at the following Web site: www.itu.int/wsis/. For further information, please contact Ms. Maria Lehtinen, ICT Task Force secretariat (e-mail lehtinen@un.org).

UNITAR French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on Monday, 3 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; on Tuesday, 4 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.; and on Wednesday, 5 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 29 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Panel discussion on microcredit

There will be a panel discussion on microcredit, co-organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Microcredit Summit Campaign, on the occasion of the release of the *State of the Microcredit Summit Campaign Report*, on Monday, 3 November 2003, from 1 to 2.15 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Carol Sakubita (tel. 1 (917) 367-5710).

Symposia on population and development

The symposia on population and development, organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Office of the Permanent Observer of Partners in Population and Development to the United Nations, will continue at Headquarters, as follows:

Symposium II on "Family Planning, Reproductive Health and Development": Monday, 3 November, from 3 to 5.30 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium;

Symposium III on "Empowerment of Women": Monday, 10 November, from 3 to 5.30 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium; and

Symposium IV on "Population and HIV/AIDS": Wednesday, 19 November, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 457-1828; e-mail rgarvey@ppdsec.org].

UNITAR briefing on "Developments in Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea"

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs are jointly organizing a briefing on "Developments in Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea". The briefing, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 5 and 6 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration dealine is Friday, 31 October 2003. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196).

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 3 October 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the NAM Caucus Room.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Thursday, 23 October 2003

Security Council

4847th (closed) meeting *Meeting of the Security Council with the troop contributing countries to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B*

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 23 October 2003, the Security Council, pursuant to annex II, sections A and B of resolution 1353 (2001), held its 4847th meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO).

The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Dmitry Titov, Director of the Africa Division of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

The members of the Council had a constructive exchange of views with representatives of participating troop-contributing countries."

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

42nd plenary meeting

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council . . . . . [15 (a)]

On the first round of balloting, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Algeria, Benin, Brazil, the Philippines and Romania were elected as non-permanent members of the Security Council for a two-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2004.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 15.

Global road and safety crisis [A/58/228) . . . . . [160]

(c) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/228]

(d) Draft resolution (A/58/L.3)

Statements were made by the representatives of Singapore, Fiji and the United States.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/2 of 19 October 1994, the observer of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, made a statement.

The President informed members that, at the request of the sponsors of draft resolution A/58/l.3, action on the draft resolution would be taken at a later date, to be announced in the *Journal*.

Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/136 and A/58/136/Corr.1) . . . . . [50]

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 57/29 of 19 November 2002, the observer for Partners in Population and Development, made a statement.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 50.

Main Committees

First Committee

14th meeting

The Committee continued its second phase of work, namely, the thematic discussion on item subjects as well as the introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 62 to 80.

Statements were made by the representatives of Serbia and Montenegro, the Netherlands (who introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/58/L.16 and A/C.1/58/L.45), Sweden, the Russian Federation (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.3), Nepal (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.21), the Republic of Korea, Bangladesh, Costa Rica (on behalf of Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.7)), Germany (who introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/58/L.17 and A/C.1/58/L.32), Romania, Canada (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.48), Italy (on behalf of the European Union), Sweden, Finland, Belarus, Malaysia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (who introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/58/L.24, A/C.1/58/L.25, A/C.1/58/L.26, A/C.1/58/L.27, A/C.1/58/L.28 and draft decisions A/C.1/58/L.29 and A/C.1/58/L.30*)), Uruguay (on behalf of MERCOSUR), Japan (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.5), Austria, Argentina, the United States (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.15), India (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.33), the United Kingdom, South Africa, Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of African States (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.11)), France, Poland and Egypt (on behalf of the League of Arab States (who introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/58/L.22 and A/C.1/58/L.23)).

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

It was announced that the following countries had joined the sponsors of the following draft resolutions: A/C.1/58/L.1: Bhutan, Burundi, Estonia, Guyana, Hungary, India, Madagascar, Sri Lanka; A/C.1/58/L.6: Nauru; A/C.1/58/L.8: Mali; A/C.1/58/L.9: Belarus, Indonesia, Mali; A/C.1/58/L.10: Belarus; A/C.1/58/L.11: Mali, Nauru; A/C.1/58/L.12: Mali; A/C.1/58/L.13: Mali; A/C.1/58/L.16: Mali; A/C.1/58/L.21: Cambodia, Nauru; A/C.1/58/L.24: Nauru; A/C.1/58/L.28: Bangladesh; A/C.1/58/L.31: Niger; A/C.1/58/L.32: Nauru; A/C.1/58/L.38: Bahamas, Indonesia; A/C.1/58/L.43: Bosnia and Herzegovina; A/C.1/58/L.46: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Niger; A/C.1/58/L.48: Nauru; A/C.1/58/L.49: Mongolia; A/C.1/58/L.50: India, Mali; A/C.1/58/L.51: Andorra, Slovakia, Switzerland; A/C.1/58/L.52: Fiji, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Romania, Ukraine; and A/C.1/58/L.53: Afghanistan.

Special Political and Decolonization Commmitte (Fourth Committee)

13th meeting

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space . . . . . [82]

The Committee concluded its general debate with statements from representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Japan, Chile, Pakistan, Malaysia, India, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Egypt and Ecuador.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.4/58/L.7 and A/C.4/58/L.8)

Upon the resumption of the meeting, the Chairman of the Working Group of the Whole on International Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space introduced and orally revised draft resolutions A/C.4/58/L.7 and A/C.4/58/L.8.

The Chairman noted that the Secretariat did not anticipate any programme budget implications arising from the draft resolutions.

The Committee decided to take action on both draft resolutions, as orally revised.

Action on draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.7

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.7, as orally revised, without a vote.

Statements were made by the representatives of Chile and Mexico.

Action on draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.8

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/58/L.8, as orally revised, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 82.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that on Monday, 27 October 2003, in the afternoon, the Committee would begin its consideration of agenda item 86 (Questions relating to information). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers for this item as soon as possible, as well as for the remaining agenda items (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (item 83) and Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (item 84)).

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa, Lebanon, Algeria, the Syrian Arab Republic, Canada, the United States, Australia, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Egypt, Malaysia, Israel, Yemen and Senegal.

Second Committee

20th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions (A/58/131-S/2003/703, A/58/413) . . . . . [91]

(b) Science and Technology for development

(c) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries

(d) International financial system and development

(e) External debt crisis and development

(f) Outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-items.

A statement was made by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information.

Statements were made by the representatives of Benin, the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of landlocked developing countries), Algeria, Mongolia, Nigeria, Switzerland, Burkina Faso, Israel, Mali, Viet Nam, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Burundi, Mexico, Paraguay and Lebanon.

A statement was also made by the representative of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

Organization of work

The Committee agreed to adjourn all afternoon meetings at 4.30 p.m. during the observance of Ramadan.

Corrigendum

Corrigendum to the summary of the 18th meeting of the Second Committee (see *Journal* No. 2003/204, p. 20): the first paragraph under agenda item 97 (b) *should read* as follows:

Operational activities for development . . . . . [97]

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-item and heard statements by the representatives of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lebanon, Chile, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)).

Third Committee

23rd meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family . . . . . [106]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.7

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Mongolia further orally revised the draft resolution.

Barbados, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, the Congo, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, the Gambia, Guatemala, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Madagascar, Morocco, the Philippines, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago and the United Republic of Tanzania joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as further orally revised.

Crime prevention and criminal justice . . . . . [108]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.3

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications. The draft resolution was then adopted.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.4

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications. The draft resolution was then adopted.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.5

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications. The draft resolution was then adopted.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.6

The Secretary read out a statement regarding financial provisions related to the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.14

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Italy further orally revised the draft resolution.

Albania, Armenia, Bangladesh, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chile, the Czech Republic, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, the Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Israel, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Malta, Mongolia, Namibia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Spain, Swaziland, Uganda, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as further orally revised.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

International drug control . . . . . [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.15

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Mexico orally revised the draft resolution.

Albania, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, the Congo, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Finland, France, the Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guyana, Haiti, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Kyrgyzstan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Malta, the Federated States of Micronesia, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, the Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Tajikistan, Uganda, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States of America, Venezuela and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Before the Committee took action on the draft resolutions, the representative of Egypt made a statement; after action was taken, statements were made by the representatives of Switzerland and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [114]

The Committee continued its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of the Philippines, Myanmar, Peru, the Russian Federation and China.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on the item.

Organization of work

The representative of Malaysia made a statement.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee decided to extend the deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 113 until Monday, 27 October 2003, at 6 p.m.

Fifth Committee

8th meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services . . . . . [130]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the reports of that Office (A/58/364, A/58/294 and A/57/747).

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway), the United States and Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia).

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations . . . . . [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the reports of that Office (A/58/211 and A/58/81).

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway), Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia) and the United States.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of United Nations peacekeeping operations . . . . . [133]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chief of the Contributions Service of the Department of Management introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/58/157).

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway), the Republic of Korea, Thailand, Japan, the Bahamas, the Russian Federation, China, Saudi Arabia and the United States.

The Chief of the Contributions Service of the Department of Management replied to a question raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on Friday, 24 October 2003, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of H.E. Ms. Inga Eriksson Fogh (Sweden).

Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 . . . . . [120]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chief of the Common Services Unit of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/58/154).

The Chief of the Political, Legal and Humanitarian Service of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/58/217).

The relevant reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions were contained in documents A/58/7, A/58/7/Corr.1 and A/58/7/Add.1.

Organization of work

Following a statement by the representative of Morocco (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Italy (on behalf of the European Union).

The Chairman also made a statement.

Other matters

The representative of Mexico made a statement regarding questions raised by the representative of Costa Rica at the first meeting of the Fifth Committee held on 30 September 2003.

The Secretary of the Committee replied to the question raised.

Sixth Committee

13th meeting

Convention on Jurisdictional Immunities of States and Their Property. . . . . [150]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 150.

Statements were made by the representatives of Vietnam, South Africa, Ukraine, Guatemala, India, Mexico, Jordan, Morocco and Nepal.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on this item.

International Criminal Court . . . . . [154]

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.14, as orally revised, without a vote.

The representative of the United States made a statement before and after the Committee took action on the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 154.

Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the strengthening of the Role of the Organization . . . . . [155]

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.17. Chile, Egypt, Sierra Leone, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Uganda joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel . . . . . [157]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee and the Working Group of the Sixth Committee on the Scope of Legal Protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel introduced the report of the Ad Hoc Committee (A/58/52) and the report of the Working Group (A/C.6/58/L.16). Statements were made by the representatives of the Congo, Switzerland, Australia, New Zealand, Uganda, the United States, Canada, the Republic of Korea, Jordan, Liechtenstein, Norway, Croatia, Timor-Leste, Kenya, Argentina, Japan, Italy (on behalf of the European Union, the acceding countries – Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the associated countries – Bulgaria and Romania) and Lebanon.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on the item

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Geneva, 21 May 2003

Signature: Myanmar (23 October 2003)

Other announcements

Unveiling ceremony of Memorial

All United Nations staff and members of delegations are invited to attend the unveiling ceremony of a Memorial *today,* 24 October 2003, at 12.30 p.m. in the North Garden. The Memorial is dedicated to the United Nations staff that gave their lives in the service of peace in peacekeeping, humanitarian, and development missions. The Secretary-General will make a brief statement on the occasion. All participants in the event are expected to be at the site of the Memorial at designated areas no later than 12.15 p.m. The duration of the ceremony will be approximately 10 to 15 minutes.

New United Nations stamps and prestige booklets

Today, 24 October 2003, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps and three prestige booklets on the theme "World Heritage – U.S.A.". Details can be found in information circular ST/IC/2003/55.

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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on 23 October 2003.

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